2025 Payer Relations Initiatives

**State Legislative/Regulatory Efforts:**

* Rate Stability – 25 states
* Sales Tax Exemption – 9 states
* Improving access and coverage for NIV, CGM, CRT, enteral, Incontinence, and other HME items and supplies.

**AAHomecare Payer Transparency Portal:** Launched 1/30/2025: The [**portal**](https://aahomecare.org/Payer-Transparency-Portal)is a comprehensive tool developed in partnership with Medlyze Technologies to provide our provider members with clear visibility into commercial contracted rates for DMEPOS billing codes.

**COPD/NIV Study**: In process with Dobson Davanzo. The study is looking at NIV and the COPD population. It is focusing on outcomes from NIV for people living with COPD and CRF and compare patients with early NIV intervention to those who did not receive timely access to care. The study is also looking at both Medicare FFS and Medicare Advantage data. An initial summary was provided to CMS via NIV NCA comments.

**Synapse/UHC:** Referral source and supplier survey complete. AAH met with UHC. Physician offices met with UHC to discuss platform. PR effort underway.

**Tricare:** Addressing Tricare West transition issues with new TriWest contractor. Met with TriWest. Continuing regular meetings with Tricare East contractor Humana Military to monitor claims processing trends.

**CMS 2026 Medicare Advantage Final Rule** – [**Comments**](https://aahomecare.org/files/galleries/AAH_Comments_2026_MA_and_Part_D_Technical_Proposed_Rule_CMS_4208-P.pdf) submitted. Final rule, released without major provisions we were tracking from the proposed rule. Final rule analysis [**here**](https://aahomecare.org/files/galleries/AAHomecare_Summary_Contract_Year_2026_MA_and_Part_D_Final_Rule.pdf).

**Federal Medicaid Funding Impact Analysis –** State scan of potential cut impacts by state completed. Individual state letters created for E&C member districts and state. Additional state specific resources in process.

**Aetna PAP Compliance Policy –** Working with Aetna to rescind their published PAP compliance policy requiring G codes to prove compliance. Met with Aetna and they indicated they are leaning toward revising this policy to more closely align with Medicare and utilize a modifier as opposed to G codes to show compliance.

**Medicare Advantage 2025 Final Rule (CMS-4205-F)**

* [**Fact sheet**](https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/contract-year-2025-medicare-advantage-and-part-d-final-rule-cms-4205-f)
* [**AAHomecare Rule Summary**](https://aahomecare.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3c0f3755f13930464597f245a&id=2c7dc000d2&e=84284f6db5)

**Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services (Access Rule – CMS-2442-F)**

* [**Fact sheet**](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bQj3oNJoznmWaFyxt_mfupZZvoZg46QxlsKdrq5KDvP8AyP0KpuUuLk_MG91PoGHSp1bQqiMvR7wvYPGoc34_JOonhVtxKGGM7lFmUBLGlc0LhVDB-jDvZM7AePakeMcIXzIQct5IIIf4rmyc8Njk3bBM9UB6Uk2xh1MOYFKQtdpOJ4Iq-78RcxHowDzCYD-p0QgTh8cWSOU-j8GwMgX8C5IX9SDs05tTE6YPA0JVRJN0kvXCFPJwlZrFkb0Rz4D9B-o1U4hWHzP4hCY_e3as1Gcaj7nPiL5gcl4iIjctLB3UYpcwYY1fpNP_zXblH7cCtOXPoIm4C0QvCuaUapa65UpEWbhGF_0PZIeIpvgIdih-lHikjECHrajrhoLVMTJs9k35k2H5fDnAMewy4UlTuixCbUAAwcbbTVTSkTtkplo~) **and** [**applicability dates table**](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bkThWWcG3lcB0YVE3gxgtZbo3tDyd7PbdIHwNFVmvU-FOt4keRkSWFkx-MfdBXuRaPBAyRq66EaOfUpqsiddNLMLnTnky9uyU24q4gY3OcFk0sTdPcvNOlUnlQsEtuGwDIp8CdYL3z-V7N0jvNp4zFTYXo89v8ak6c8jCYBupjpaHlg5SCBN9iz6d2lZ4BkJFOYXWkbHCwJqEYPAo84JgbwRi5Ap7AAGH4_n9GoQwEZ7t-VXVl9OHqBlR4f3CnegipD-9bkNaiabRFZw_A7mlwMPguojwEJDJUl7aRpIIJpeaTmLyHyELGObZGC35XksjkrvWeQsanGU0U0gQkLflmLAkbaFlSzV2KYDi3q1tgeBHxxXzdQfY1lElkCJYyWxjuONZtNKXCH5OajRVy37j26aVq4LyDA0lkxl-ZZph1ao~)
* [**AAHomecare rule summary**](https://aahomecare.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3c0f3755f13930464597f245a&id=7a671110e3&e=84284f6db5)

**Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program Managed Care Access, Finance, and Quality (Managed Care Rule – CMS-2439-F)**

* **F**[**act sheet**](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bcUCmwY6GXMWGYDJLyDfUo1EnGI3MNFMHWD1jnCsoa-6iMSk3xqRHJyeO-vL0HTpG5VBeTyuGz9zPnSakG4MOWlzwf7qZUB1Bgbs3Fu0mRSXpNQmFRBh56AdpWCtHaaizwVLK7BKsnPcqis9ptlOnlfBtt_fik-LpJa-ZHDQ7LWwSOLTrrKfEX_n-591JAvN_8MI6NB86FnhWbboMZ_FxwIGuhIZ-iAtmt5wqIe-Jhh5NSbscpjeCwoDQJm9TkYnp3xxh1J3p4E18sx5SxGSeyhBrvjW3R-g2OQ0AdZsEonebQSVFTVopaZ_eyO2l0DSPNliek_d0atHBIU64PfdsIYVNf4EI9UrinCFVmwkKcLZD30MrG2H0-BvAM7I66HE668gkoK5zQZGskD_drR4CWr6IDOHYeRwq_NSHHWvZ61dZgk_5issH-JZj5h___R_tqZFxYYmEk6tlZODAgNxVQQ~~) **and** [**applicability dates table**](https://url.emailprotection.link/?b4wQm7iplcI8DTvdQ2lcywx-qZpSzuJPrrZQhW-CHDAwUJL3hp_HeppLkH-k3ICtppb9_Gysc9qa8pSI2SLlqtj5PYl9S7CZ7ph7CEpv5HBeQ6PiSDVMdCeVCRA8PL1tNuLimbOzCXGp36Dt4LyL67wOJWLeRwEPR80AqpW_8I8ZrRGVPWgIs-aeTXp8HlQE4PgPfcmBP8jc3ovA1UL7x8Ve_3YpKoikRl6dpgz9A1KGPLdkwmQ1KQnmR_Hi7isv4WhdITrb5mS9TjF-1QEE86aOd7xQdusI6B9S3IqkZQqt7pDj-bUW3Qf2OsBbKM3WasZ3T76Ua4cncbfbmRRPPmsYIsR0hyJQk8wWT301j8-iVmiKdJHM8FKxP_aSYWBnNN08P0ZyZCTED8d5q0AFn3b_jI3LkPRlEBVajQ7f6y9w~)
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